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Subject: DHS-OIG Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2018-IGFO-00074  
DHS FOIA/PA Office FOIA Request No. 2018-HQFO-00610  
Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request addressed to the Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office (DHS FOIA/PA Office), dated February 12, 2018, seeking any reports, assessments or studies produced by the DHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) or other oversight entity regarding the use of ruses by ICE and any communications between the entity and ICE regarding the report, assessment or study. DHS FOIA/PA Office referred a portion of your request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) for processing and direct response to you. DHS-OIG received that referral on February 16, 2018, and assigned it the above-referenced tracking number.

Your request has been placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. Although DHS-OIG's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). As your request will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS-OIG hereby invokes this 10-day extension for your request, and estimates a response to your request to be provided within 30 business days. Please note, however, that the actual time required to respond to your request depends on the number and types of responsive records identified and located in our records search. Unfortunately, we cannot predict exactly when your request will be processed, as we currently have a large backlog of requests. If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

To check the status of your FOIA request, contact us at 202-254-4001, [foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov), or check status online at <http://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>. Refer to the above-referenced tracking number if you contact us regarding your request. If we require additional information, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

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